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Case No. 5383

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Erik Laridon et al.
Serial Number: 10/015,305
Filed: December 12, 20001
For: **THERMOPLASTIC ARTICLES COMPRISING
SILVER-CONTAINING ANTIMICROBIALS
AND HIGH AMOUNTS OF CARBOXYLIC
ACID SALTS FOR INCREASED SURFACE-
AVAILABLE SILVER**
Group Art Unit: 1619
Examiner: Unknown

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Attorney for Applicants hereby requests an extension of time of two (2) months in which to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on January 16, 20002. Upon granting this request Applicant's response will be due on May 16, 2002. Please deduct the requisite \$400.00 fee as well as any other necessary fees to properly have such request considered and entered by the Office from Deposit Account No. 04-0500. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

It is respectfully urged that this request is proper and that it be granted to provide the additional time that was necessary to receive the executed Declaration from one of the inventors who is employed by the Assignee and headquartered in Belgium in order to provide a satisfactory reply to the aforementioned Notice.

Respectfully requested,

April 17, 2002

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231, on April 17, 2002, along with a postcard receipt.

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